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asked why they impeded the progress of the train, to which they replied that they had no intention of interfering.

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Mr. Turner and his associates of the Executive Committee were in consultation with the Joint Executive Board until after 1 o'clock, when they called at Mr. Hoxie's, but that gentleman not being in they went to their hotel for dinner.

Information from East St. Louis is to the effect that the freight blockade is practically broken in that place. The Chicago and Alton, the Alton and Mississippi, the Vandalia, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and the Indianapolis and Louisville all switch spindles at work. Business is progressive

jury yesterday. Charles Bailey was the man, and he was taken to Belleville by the first train out. Later in the day two engineers running switch engines in the Vandalia yards were induced to take their engines

PORT WORTH, TEX., April 3.—The casualties among the posse were three police officers, Fairford was killed through the back of the head, and Townsend was shot twice through the left breast near the nipple. He died at 5:30 o'clock, Special Agent in Charge Streed was shot in the arm and jaw. His wounds are fatal. Doctors Voelcker and Streed are attending to the wounded. They say Streed and Fairford cannot possibly survive.

Only one of the strikers, Tom Nace, a whitehead, was not wounded. It is reported that the group of about fifty shots were fired in all, when the posse was about 100 yards from the group of strikers. Revolvers, placed the wounded officers aboard the train and returned to the union depot. The strikers

the train returned to the city, where they secured the Winchester's of their wounded comrade and started off for the Sycamore Bottoms, all carrying their rifles. Nace was left on the prairie. As soon as the train reached the city the soldiers were formed up with Winchester's, and started in pursuit of the marauders. It was estimated that there were twenty men among the strikers, and of these only five or six carried Winchester's. Tom Nace, the wounded striker, was brought to this city in a wagon this afternoon, and as soon as the officers learned of his whereabouts he was carried to jail, where he will be strongly guarded. No other arrests

have as yet been made." The Knights of Labor claim the first shot was fired by the officers, but the weight of the testimony is against the proposition. Tim Wilson, who was on the engine, and within three feet of Dick Townsend, who was shot in the back, states positively that the first fire came from the strikers, and that they were in the grass a short distance from the track.

D. L. Stewart, who was a witness to the shooting, gives it as his opinion that the strikers fired first. Sheriff Maddox this afternoon organized two companies of citizens, who were armed with Winchester carbines, and escorted to the depot, the avowed determination being to prevent any further violence.

The people are in a terrible state of excitement and appear completely dumfounded. The breach between the law and the strikers has been widened, and the bitterest accusations can be heard on every side. There are hundreds of strikers of Labor in the city who do not appear to regret the occurrence of to-day.

Edward Smith, engineer of the train, states posi-

It has been learned that the strikers yesterday purchased ten Winchester rifles in this city. The names of two or three of the men who carried rifles have been learned.

The mayor has issued a proclamation appointing seventy-five deputy policemen, and ordering all the saloons to remain closed until Wednesday next. A petition has been sent to Governor Ireland for the State Rangers and military. Transportation for troops has been applied for from Receiver Sheldon.

A high wind is blowing to-night, and if a riot occurs the whole town will be an easy prey to flames.

**THE strikers are full of armed men, and every precaution is taken to prevent such an occurrence. It is thought that if tonight is quiet over there will be no further danger of mob violence, as troops will be here by to-morrow night.**

**NEW YORK, April 5.**—The following despatches have just been received at the Texas and Pacific railroad office:

**Great excitement prevailing at Fort Worth. Mayor and citizens turning out and arranging for mounted police. Train on siding. At least one thousand in the mob. Will not attempt to do more until more protection. One of the strikers at**

"The train that went through Fort Worth at 12:05 P. M. was attacked at Fort Worth and New Orleans crossing by a lot of men lying in the grass. Several shots were fired and three of the guards were badly wounded, one of them dying. Train returned to Fort Worth."

"The strikers at the crossing stopped the train. Guards asked them why. The answer was a volley from Winchester in the grass. Guards returned the fire, with results as shown in my two former messages."

"Train No. 115 left Parsons at 12:50 without interference. Thirty soldiers went on the train as guards."

PARSONS, KANSAS, April 3.—Eight companies of the First Regiment of Kansas Militia arrived in the city last night and took charge of the Missouri Pacific yards, and this morning the Kansas National Guards commenced making up trains, the engines being guarded on each side by the bayonets of the soldiers. One freight train has been sent out, and it is expected the yards will at once be cleared of all freight cars. The soldiers have made no disturbance or resistance, and seem to accept the situation as inevitable. The company

is now paying off all the men engaged in the strike, and some of them are feeling rather blue at the prospect of being indefinitely out of a job. The feeling here is that the embargo will be laid on the trains as soon as the military return to their homes.

ATCHISON, KAN., April 2.—Mayor Kelsey has sent to H. M. Hixie a message saying: "The city of Atchison will pay all damages to property in the corporate limits of this city as the result of lawlessness growing out of the late strike as may be agreed upon by a competent board of appraisers."

**FATHER STICK LONES HIS CASE.**  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 3.—The suit brought by the Rev. M. P. Stick against Bishop O'Hara, in Common Pleas court No. 4 of this county, was decided to-day in an interesting opinion by Presiding Judge Thayer. Father Stick's declaration averring that it was the duty of the defendant as bishop of the diocese of Scranton, under the canons and customs of the Catholic Church, to assign the plaintiff to the exercise of his office of priest; that the defendant refused so to assign him, and that by reason of this refusal he was deprived of the means of obtaining a large sum of money.

rears, Judge Thayer held that the question at issue was one in which the defendant has a right as a bishop, in the exercise of a purely ecclesiastical function, to use his official discretion. In the exercise of that discretion he was answerable only to the laws of the Church. The priest, if so disposed, could refuse to perform a duty to which he was assigned by the bishop without incurring any civil liability, and the mutuality of obligations was the essence of all contracts.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The stock market to-day has been very irregular, at times weak and feverish for some of the most active stocks, and closed irregularly compared with the preceding day, but generally firm in figures. The most conspicuous feature of the day's business was the heavy trading in *lock-ups*, generally believed to be for the account of a prominent bear operator, one broken alone selling about 40,000 shares. The stock opened  $\frac{1}{2}$  lower, at 125 $\frac{1}{2}$ , sold rapidly down to 124 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and back to 125 in the first hour. There was then an almost continuous decline until the stock reached 123 $\frac{1}{2}$ , a sharp rally to 124 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and a break to 125 $\frac{1}{2}$ , by 1 o'clock. Later the stock swung around to 125 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and closed at 125.

hour, at which it closed, a loss of 1 1/2 per cent, as compared with last evening, after sales of 100,000 shares. With the exception of Evansville and Terre Haute, which is down 1, and Michigan Central 1/2, none of the active stocks show changes of as much as 1 per cent, and the advances and declines are pretty evenly divided.

pose of recuperating. His physicians have impressed upon him that he must reserve his energies if he wishes to speak in the House of Commons on Thursday next, when his anxiously expected statement regarding the government of Ireland is to be made. Another cabinet council will be held on Friday.

The Marquis of Salisbury is in London. He arrived in England on Thursday last from the continent, where he had been spending several days for the benefit of his health.

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**WHOLESALE ROYCOITING.**

READING, PA., APRIL 3.—The boycott just started

by the Bricklayers Union of this city against the leading Electric Light Company and its patrons, the latter being principally merchants who use the lights in their stores, is still in force, and is causing much annoyance among business men, whose patrons are thereby worktagged. The company is being boycotted in consequence of its employment of non-union bricklayers on the new building, and during the last week workmen's organizations of this city having a membership of 4,000, have adopted resolutions approving the boycott. All persons who furnish material to the new building will also be boycotted.

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